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Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby confirms the telephonic conference held on March 7, 2008 between Examiner Lee of the Patent and Trademark Office and Applicant's representative. In the telephone conference the Examiner indicated that the proposed Examiner's Amendment has been entered and a notice of allowance should be mailed shortly.

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